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From: Burke, NadiaHollan

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 8:54 AM

To: 'Andre Patterson'

Cc: <u>juanita.bacey@dtsc.ca.gov</u>

Subject: RE: USPS Illegally Delivering Mail On A Superfund Site. I Am A Former United States

Postal Letter Carrier And Our National Agreement Does Not Force Letter Carriers To Carry Mail On A Superfund Site. You Have To Step In Because United States Postal

Letter

Attachments: Final CRP 2014 Update.pdf

Andre,

I reviewed the USPS website you referred me to. The website doesn't say that you cannot deliver mail on a Superfund Site. The USPS website provides procedures for how the USPS can acquire property that is impacted by contamination from Superfund or other contaminated sites and safely build or operate a facility on that Site. So, they are allowed to purchase property and operate on contaminated lands as long as they follow the proper procedures to protect their workers, and there is a process in place to evaluate and cleanup the contamination. In other words, you can be on a Superfund Site as a worker or resident without being exposed to unsafe levels of contamination, as long as the proper procedures are being followed.

After several investigations of the contamination at TI, it has been determined that there are no unsafe exposures of contamination at the current housing areas at Treasure Island. We referred you to ATSDR in 2015 regarding concerns you may have had regarding any potential exposure in the past, and they provided you information on how to get evaluated for your health issues at a medical clinic. To date, we understand that nobody has actually visited the medical clinic. Getting evaluated by a medical provider would be the appropriate next step for you and your loved ones to get more understanding, as well as proper documentation, for the cause of your health issues.

I have done my best to respond to your questions and look into your concerns. I am attaching the Community Relations Plan from 2014 that explains some of the community concerns and how the Navy is responding to them. The contact lists may be somewhat outdated, but you have been provided with the relevant agency contacts already. Based on the information I have looked at, the public was properly informed, provided health information and resources, and the Navy has conducted an extensive investigation to identify and remove any potential contamination to ensure the public continues to be protected.

Please provide additional questions or concerns to DTSC, as they are the lead regulatory agency in charge of the Treasure Island cleanup. EPA has a minimal role, and has deferred these issues to them.

Thank you for your time, and I am very sorry EPA cannot help you further.

Sincerely,

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